

REMARKS

Allowability of Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for finding Claims 1 and 3-5 allowable.

Rejection of Claim 8 Under § 35 U.S.C. 112, First Paragraph

The Examiner rejected Claims 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph. However, Applicants respectfully disagree in an effort to expedite allowance, Claim 8 has been cancelled. As such the rejection is moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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